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Correctional Industries to showcase new office furniture

The Department of Corrections Division of Correctional Industries (KCI) will be displaying their latest in office furniture on June 6 – 7 at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza in Frankfort. The display, Office Furniture Showcase 2000, will be held in Ballroom C and D from 11-4 on June 6 and 9-1 on June 7 and is opened to the public.

The Office Furniture Showcase 2000 will provide an opportunity for KCI's many state and local government customers to get an *up-close and personal* viewing of their vast array of office furniture. The Showcase marks the official introduction of KCI's Barkley Series executive furniture line, the redesigned and upgraded Pennyrile Series, and their new metal desk line.

Correctional Industries employs over 800 inmates in 23 different programs in 10 different correctional institutions. These day, inmates not only make the many variations of the state's license plates, they also manufacture office furniture, modular and panel office systems, ergonomic and regular office seating, metal filing cabinets, institutional furnishings, custom woodworking, metal components, mattresses, and janitorial supplies. In addition, inmates at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex operate a radio repair shop and at the Kentucky State Penitentiary inmates cut and sew prison uniforms for all Kentucky correctional institutions.

KCI Director Tom Grissom states, "Our program theme is 'Inmates paying their own way'. Our mission statement is to reduce the cost of incarceration to the taxpayer, to teach inmates a marketable skill so they can attain gainful employment upon release, and to instill discipline and cooperation among inmates while they are in the system."

KCI furnishes a wide variety of their products to a large number of state and local government agencies, schools, and county jails. They recently furnished the Jefferson County Judicial Center with their entire office panel system. They have also refurbished dorm-room furniture for the University of Kentucky, Morehead and Eastern Kentucky Universities.

Press Advisory: Representatives of the news media are invited to attend the Kentucky Correctional Industries Office Furniture Showcase 2000 at anytime during the event. A press briefing will be held on Tuesday, June 6, at 8:30 a.m. KCI plant supervisors will be present to discuss products and answer questions.